

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Please! My husband and I keep a cell phone only for emergencies. As we live far out of town, it's a good thing to have. We use the cheapest cell phone we could find -- the tracfone -- that allows us to buy individual minutes. We could not afford to buy regular cell phone service, especially as we only use it for emergencies. If rates go up, we will have to abandon cell phone service. We have had our tracfone, I believe, not quite a year and already we've used it for an emergency car breakdown call. We need our cell phone.

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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